

**Press Release:**  
**West Moors Parish Council Legacy Award**  
**winner for 2015**

On Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2015 prior to the parish council meeting, Miss Abi Bedford, aged 17, gracefully received the 2015 Legacy Award. The Chairman of the Council, Cllr Penny Yeo, presented Abi with an engraved glass trophy which she will keep indefinitely to remind her of her achievements. Abi will also be able to claim up to £1,000 to help her progression in her chosen sport.

The purpose of The Legacy Award is to recognise an exemplary young sportsperson that needs extra help to reach their ambition, which encourages good competition, consequently bringing the excellence of our young people to the forefront.

The winning applicant is assessed not just on performance, but on their application and the mental strength that's required to go on and be the top of the sport that they participate in.

Abi Bedford was the winner in 2014 and has once again impressed the Council and all that know her by demonstrating such dedication. Abi's ultimate goal is to play Netball for England, yet short term is to progress to Regional Performance Academy by the end of the Regional Academy cycle (Summer 2016) and play in the Futures league (a junior version of the netball Super League).

Abi currently coaches the Ferndown Junior Netball Club as well as training to fulfil her own ambition. West Moors Parish Council is very proud to support her once more and the money the Parish Council is investing in this talented young athlete, we believe will pay dividends short and long term.

The parish council will be inviting applications for the Legacy Award from May 2016 onwards, so if you know of an aspiring young person please contact the parish office on 01202 861044 for an application form.